

WASHINGTON'S CRAZE FOR LIMERICKS INCREASES AND THOUSANDS SUGGEST POSSIBLE FIFTH LINE

*Veritable Deluge of Suggestions
Kept Sunday Editor of
Times Busy.*

*All Classes Vied With Each
Other in Fascinating Contest
For \$10 Prize.*

Limericks to the right of him, limericks to the left of him, and limericks in front of him, the Sunday Editor was swamped as completely as if it had rained limericks all week. Truly Washington has been limerick-mad for the past three weeks, and the number received since the publication of an unfinished jingle in The Sunday Times last week was double the receipts of the preceding fortnight.

All classes have vied with each other in this test of cleverness. Folks who write rhyme for a living have entered, and it might seem that they had an advantage, but the rhymings of others have been just as good, and some more clever. In the enormous batches of mail piled many feet high on the Sunday Editor's desk there were limericks, limericks, nothing but limericks. They ran from the sacred to the profane, from the beautiful to the ridiculous and absurd.

Words rhyming with alter and falter are scarce as cicadas in July, and it was no easy matter for the Sunday Editor to make jingle out of the words coined by the contestants. Many times during the dead hours of the night he awoke, startled by the dream that "the conubial halter" or "Hymen's noose" was being adjusted around his neck. Often were his hearty laughs at the clever and humorous drawing or pictures sent in with the completed limerick. Two-thirds of the contestants followed out the idea of the previous week's winner, who clipped a printed stork from an advertisement and pasted it onto his fifth line.

One contestant expressed the hope that another prize be not given to an "artist." Not being able to detect the "art" in clipping and pasting, the Sunday Editor considered that no serious intentional injustice would be done if a contestant who illustrated his fifth line with a picture was given the prize.

Although not as clever as the winner, or lacking the proper meter to make a limerick, hundreds of them provoked mirth or praise. Many pages of a newspaper would be necessary to print all of them.

Robert Weir, 1521, Thirteenth street northwest—
"They regard Hymen's knot as a halter."

Charles Stewart Sittler, Garrick Club—
(1) "Alter altar, and the result is halter."
(2) "She leadeth him in a firm-bound halter."
(3) "Here comes the bride. He's in a halter."

John W. Gardner—
"From 'bargains' they never can halt."

Emma Sparshott, 1322 Thirty-fifth street northwest—
"They're afraid to walk babies at night."
G. W. S. Irvingston, 623 F street northwest—
"They don't like the marital halter."

HERE'S THE WINNER!

Submitted by Miss Maurice V. Woods,
1311 K Street Northwest

We've heard why the women now falter,
Why they shrink from the ring and the altar,
But you'll know from the jingle
Why the men remain single,
No kids, no bills, and no halter!

W. Rees Edelen, box 247, Station G, Washington, D. C.—
"They're afraid of the Hymenal Halter."

L. M. Pechin, 3519 Eleventh street northwest—
"It's 'brainstorm' for them to alter."

Mrs. G. J. Fletcher, 609 E street northwest—
"They shun the conubial halter."

C. G. Duganne, 1615 East Capitol street—
"They fear the 'big stick' and the 'halter'."

Arthur I. Bell, 86 V street northwest—
"And skidoo at the sign of the halter."

G. D. Davis, 444 1/2 H street northwest—
"They're in need of the almighty dollar."
"It's because they are minus the dollar."

Lillian M. York, 20 Monroe street Anacostia—
"Because in the poolroom and barroom they mingle."

J. O. Speed, 1225 N street northwest—
"They haven't the 'rocks'—like Gibraltar."

"Cosmetics and lacing have 'spoiled' her."
"The thought of 'bills' sentiments alter."

"Small pay keeps clerks out of the 'halter'."
"His freedom he cares not to alter."

"High prices, poor pay, make men falter."

Gertrude M. Kaufman, 422 Eleventh street southeast—
"Hymen's 'halo' to them is a halter."

William F. O'Donnell, 23 K street northeast—
A wife holds their head in the halter.

James N. Mitchell, 222 H street northwest—
(1) Because women these days need a halter.
(2) It is the fault that lies with the falter.

A. T. L., 1451 Chapin street northwest—
Ignorance, pure cussedness, and conceit; plain as the rock of Gibraltar.

Raymond Horton, 2101 K street northwest—
They don't earn enough to salt ner.

L. I. Merick, 922 French street northwest—
(1) Wedlock means rein, bit, and halter.

Mrs. C. F. Wood, 311 East Capitol street—
They fear that their sweethearts may alter.

Mary C. Phillips, 506 the Ontario, city—
They don't like the restraint of the halter.

E. W. Marshall, 424 East Capitol street—
(1) They won't put their neck in the halter.

Mrs. S. J. Record, 933 H street northwest—
They fear they'll get mad and assault 'er.

Philip Durk, 156 F street southeast—
"Because they do not care to put their necks in a halter."

Miss Florence Kibbel, 1655 East Capitol street—
"It's because they're afraid of the halter."

E. L. Buddington, 629 L street southeast—
(1) "Like a horse, you'd be tired with a halter."
(2) "I had one going, but I never caught her."

(3) "I don't care to support another man's daughter."

M. D. Wright, 1906 G street northwest—
(1) "They would keep their necks out of the halter."
(2) "With women they care not to palter."

(3) "To escape they would see to Gibraltar."

Mrs. B. L. Vaughn, 23 H street northwest—
"Tis the abuse of a reign and one halter."

J. S. H.—
"Is because he hasn't got her."

Miss India N. King, 1300 Massachusetts avenue northwest—
(1) "Hymen's torch has been changed to a halter."
(2) "To marry with fate is to palter."
(3) "For pleasure with duty they palter."
(4) "Me for earth! let who will be a vaulter."
(5) "Life's Psalm! Yes, but not the whole psalter."

N. J. Dutton, 408 Fourteenth street northwest—
"They don't want to be caught in the halter."

George R. Hagan, 1302 Maryland avenue northeast—
"And now they're free from the halter."

A. Maguire, 1745 Willard street—
"They are afraid of the halter."

H. E. Taylor, 904 V street northeast—
(1) "A woman won't halt when they halt her."
(2) "They have not the strength of Gibraltar."

(3) "The Times is the best paper out. It puts all the others to rout. North, South, East, and West, It stands every test, And for it the people all shout."

Mrs. Katherine, 721 Sixth street northeast—
"Because they are afraid of the halter."

Victor H. Sprague, 2011 G street northwest—
"They won't put their heads in a halter."

Mrs. Anne Wood, 216 North Capitol street—
"See seventy-eight sixty-three of the Psalter."

R. E. Hammill, Woodbridge, Va.—
"They cannot be tied with a halter."

Mrs. Edw. F. Jack, 1704 F street northwest—
"Tis the restraint of the matrimonial halter."

D. D. Davis, Woodstock, Va.—
"They do not wish to wear a halter."

W. F. Clarkson, 1235 L street southeast—
"They don't like to be led by a halter."

Margaret Lent, 1439 N street northwest—
"When women are married, they alter." "The consequence makes the men falter."

Elizabeth Preston, 631 Second street northwest—
"They won't put their head in the halter."

ANOTHER LIMERICK!
\$10--Ten Dollars for a Line--\$10
SUPPLY MISSING LINE OF THIS LIMERICK:

A youth who wanted to marry
Proposed to his sylph-like fairy;
She blushed and she sighed,
And then she replied:

The \$10 cash prize will be awarded for the brightest and cleverest fifth line to the above limerick. Send in as many as you please. See next Sunday's Times for the winner.

Address Sunday Editor,
The Washington Times

Hubertina Finley, 48 K street northeast—
"To keep themselves out of the halter."

Mrs. E. F. Terfingler, 300 Carroll avenue, Takoma Park, D. C.—
"Oh, they balk at the thought of the halter."

Ernest Byrne, 106 Maryland avenue northeast—
Is because eggs are high.

Agnes B. Hickey, the Astoria, Third and G streets northwest—
They long for a home, not a halter.

N. R. See, 1465 Newton street northwest—
Small salary, a terrible halter.

Miss Bessie Harding, 515 Seventh street southeast—
They'd rather be strung by a halter. Their habits they're too loathe to alter.

Lemuel Tolson, 607 C street southwest—
They ain't got no mother-in-law to chew the rag.

Claire Kirby, 303 I street northwest—
"Cause they shy at the bridal and halter."

H. A. Dobson, M. D., 118 Eleventh street northeast—
"They fear Hymen's noose is a halter."

Martha Beaufort, 227 New Jersey avenue southeast—
"They won't put their necks in a halter."

M. B. Albert, 1951 Third street northwest—
"It's simply their dread of a halter."

Mildred E. Martin, 1413 T street northwest—
"Because they all shy at the halter."

Miss Mabel Lough, New Willard Hotel—
"They are all just afraid of the halter."

Mrs. Wesley Gary, 118 Pennsylvania avenue southeast—
"They prefer 'running wild' to a halter."

N. K., 517 Sixth street northwest—
They are fast as the rock of Gibraltar.

GIVE GOLD BADGE TO PRES. KELLOGG

The officers and members of the District Fire Department will present to retiring President George M. Kellogg, of the International Association of Fire Engineers, on his retirement from the office at the close of the thirty-fifth annual session of the association, October 11, a handsome gold badge.

The badge was purchased by a fund raised by voluntary subscription among the officers and members of the department.

It bears this inscription on its face: "George M. Kellogg, ex-President International Association of Fire Engineers, 1907." On the reverse side is engraved: "Presented to Chief Engineer George M. Kellogg by William T. Belt, Chief Engineer, Washington, D. C., and his force of fire-fighters, October, 1907."

Never before has a retiring president been presented with any kind of testimonial to show that he was the executive officer of the association.

In presenting this badge the Fire Department of the District will, it is believed, establish a precedent which will be followed in other cities in which the association may convene.

DUPED WASHINGTONIANS; JAILED IN BALTIMORE

Dr. F. W. Stoerman, also known as Count Mount Verhel, was arrested yesterday in Baltimore for passing worthless checks, according to a telephone message to the Detective Bureau from Marshal Farnan, chief of the Baltimore police.

After his arrest the count is said to have told the Baltimore police that he had passed a worthless check for \$250 on the Eagle Hotel in Washington the 7th of this month and one for \$100 on the 8th on St. John's College. An investigation confirmed the facts of the alleged confession. Detectives Burlingame and Weeden, who made the investigation, swore out a warrant for the man's arrest and he will be brought to Washington on Monday.

TRUE FREEDOM.

"If I thought you were married, and yet you're sewing on your own buttons," "I am married, but I keep my independence. Let me tell you."—Translated for Transatlantic Tales from Megendorfer Blatter.

SICK HEADACHE

Positively Cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature

REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

Spanish Royal Couple Accept France's Present Celebrating Heir's Birth

Medallion of Transparent
Enamel Represents
Birth of Saviour.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain have accepted the superb medallion representing the birth of Christ which France sent to Spain to commemorate the birth of the Prince of Asturias.

The medallion, which is made in the exquisite transparent enamel for which the Comte de Suau de la Croix is celebrated, bears on its face and on the reverse side appropriate inscription.

The King and Queen both expressed great pleasure at this splendid example of Comte du Suau de la Croix's work, and thanked France warmly for her gift.

Among those who were privileged with a sight of this work of art before it left for Madrid were the Duchesse d'Uzes, Princess de Ligne, Marquise de MacMahon, Comte and Comtesse de la Rochefoucauld, and the Marquise de Wentworth.

ALLEGED AGITATOR GOMEZ
GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE

MANILA, Sept. 28.—The supreme court has reversed the judgment of the court of first instance, which convicted Dr. Dominador Gomez of forming and directing and presiding over an illegal association.

Gomez was convicted several weeks ago of being the leading spirit of the Workingmen's Union, an alleged organization that consisted principally of Gomez himself and under the name of which he tried arbitrarily to fix wages, preached sedition, and collected from the Filipino laborers some \$40,000, for only \$14,000 of which he ever accounted.

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INVISIBLE
BIFOCAL

Two Pair of Glasses in One
Reading and distance—NO CE-
MENT.

M. A. LEESE
Manufacturing Optician

614 Ninth St. N.W.

Next Door to Raleigh Hotel
Opposite Postoffice.

Principe de Asturias.
Nacido el 10 Mayo.
Baptizado el 15 Mayo, 1907.
Reverso:
Padrino Su Santidad el Papa Pio X.
Madrina Su Majestad la Reina Maria
Cristina.
Viva el Rey Alfonso XIII.
Viva la Reina Victoria.
—Inscription on medallion.

NEW STORE TO OPEN ITS DOORS TOMORROW

To the already large number of high class retail establishments of the National Capital one more will be added tomorrow morning, when the J. G. Pattee Company opens its doors to the public at 1351 G street northwest. The new establishment, under the style of "The New Store," will present to the women of Washington an exposition of women's exclusive outergarments, including tailored suits, coats, costumes, silk petticoats, separate skirts, gowns, waists, and fine furs.

The location of the new store should prove particularly popular, near the Colorado building, and practically on every car line.

In speaking of his new store, Mr. Pattee said last night that his aim was to give quality and the latest fashions as a first consideration, making prices consistent with these. He believes that in following this policy his customers will be better pleased, and that they will remain with him longer than if he should endeavor to dispose of a great quantity of goods at such low prices as to make it impossible to give values that would be satisfactory.

H. DODEK
Ladies' Tailor Made Suits and Skirts.

ON CREDIT
Fashionable Millinery.

\$100 WEEKLY
Complete line of Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishings.

1014-7th St. N.W.

\$10 A SET \$10

Containing our special double suction. They will not drop. Fine contour, restoring lost facial expression.

Dr. Evans' DENTAL PARLORS

Next Door to Raleigh Hotel
Opposite Postoffice.



Our Stock of Carpets, Rugs,

And other Floor Coverings is exceedingly attractive this season. All sorts of rich patterns and beautiful color effects are shown in every good make, and the values we confidently believe are better than you can get anywhere else in this city.

Velvet Rugs, size 27x34; new and very pretty patterns. \$2.25
Special at \$1.00
Axminster Rugs, size 3x12; rich designs and colorings. \$21.00
Special at \$10.50
Room-size Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 9x10.6; elegant effects. \$10.50
Special at \$19.75
Velvet Rugs, size 3x12; a fine assortment of new patterns. Special at 68c
Tapestry Brussels Carpet of excellent quality. Per yard... 49c
Ingrain Carpet, yard wide, good assortment of new patterns; yard... 22c
Oilcloth in new and pretty patterns; per square yard... 49c
Heavy Linoleum; good effects; per square yard... 98c
Inlaid Linoleum; handsome patterns; per square yard... 98c



This Massive Golden Oak Extension Table, six-foot size, with heavy carved legs. Price only \$8.95

Store Service=== Blunders.

A cinder in the eye is a little thing but it hurts a whole lot.

A slight inattention, a peevish word, neglect to show goods properly may drive you to another store—it hurts you and us.

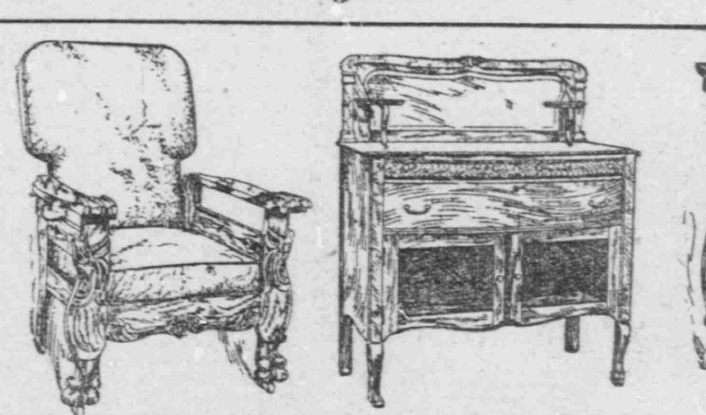
A slight mar in the finish on a piece of furniture—it hurts.

Good as our service is we are always striving to avoid blunders and correct blunders.

Human heads and hearts and hands—willing but fallible. Each striving to do his best; but best comes only through experience and experience comes with years of service.

If to-day learns from yesterday, there's reason to believe that to-morrow will gain wisdom from to-day.

We've learned from the yesterdays what we think will be best for today and tomorrow. The system has been simplified; the onlooker sees none of it. Red tape has gone to the rag-bag. This must be the best store in the country every day in the year. It grew great that way, and it will never forget its best friend—Thoroughness.



This comfortable Morris Chair, golden oak frame, well upholstered in leatherette. Price only \$9.35

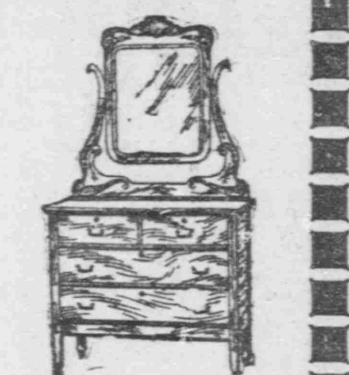
This pretty Buffet of quartered oak, with glass-front cupboards; highly polished—you can see from the picture what a dainty design it is and how prettily carved. Price only \$11.95

Credit Terms Arranged to Suit

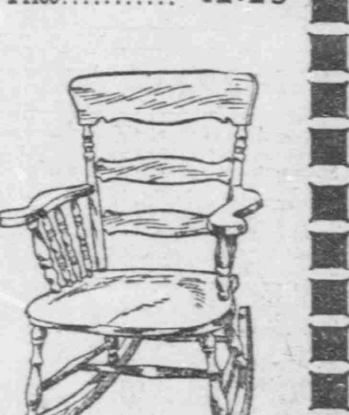
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House & Herrmann

COR. 7th & EYE (1) STREETS, N.W.



This neat Golden Oak Dresser, with swelled upper drawers and tasteful carvings. French bevel-plate mirror. Price... \$12.25



Large and comfortable Rocker of this design in oak or mahogany finish—well constructed and finely finished. Price only \$2.98



This Parlor Table—mahogany, highly polished—you can see from the picture what a dainty design it is and how prettily carved. Price only \$11.95